

**650** \*the Custom of Merchants, to any other Person; and that such Person to whom the Sum of Money mentioned in such Note is payable, cannot maintain an Action, by the Custom of Merchants, against the Person who first made and signed the same; and that any Person to whom such Note shall be assigned, indorsed, or made payable, could not, within the said Custom of Merchants, maintain any Action upon such Note against the Person who first drew and signed the same: Therefore, to the Intent to encourage Trade and Commerce, which will be much advanced, if such Notes shall have the same Effect as Inland Bills of Exchange, and shall be negotiated in like manner; Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Notes in Writing, that after the First Day of *May*, in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and five, shall be made and signed by any Person or Persons, Body Politick or Corporate, or by the Servant or Agent of any Corporation, Banker, Goldsmith, Merchant, or Trader, who is usually intrusted by him, her, or them, to sign such Promissory Notes for him, her, or them, whereby such Person or Persons, Body Politick and Corporate, his, her, or their Servant or Agent, as aforesaid, doth or shall promise to pay to any other Person or Persons, Body Politick and Corporate, his, her, or their Order, or unto Bearer, any Sum of Money mentioned in such Note, shall be taken and construed to be, by virtue thereof, due and payable to any such Person or Persons, Body Politick and Corporate, to whom the same is made payable; and also every such Note payable to any Person or Persons, Body Politick and Corporate, his, her, or their Order, shall be assignable or indorsible over, in the same manner as Inland Bills of Exchange are or may be, according to the Custom of Merchants; and that the Person or Persons, Body Politick and Corporate, to whom such Sum of Money is or shall be by such Note made payable, shall and may maintain an Action for the same, in such manner as he, she, or they might do, upon any Inland Bill of Exchange, made or drawn according to the Custom of Merchants, against the Person or Persons, Body Politick and Corporate, who, or whose Servant or Agent, as aforesaid, signed the same; and that any Person or Persons, Body Politick and Corporate, to whom such Note